

Later in the morning, the President traveled to New York City.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC. Later, in the Residence, he met with Republican congressional leaders to discuss legislative priorities.

#### ***April 21***

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing followed by a National Security Council meeting. Later, he met with Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld.

#### ***April 22***

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Wells, ME, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteers Franklin and Carol-Ann Heller. He then toured the Wells National Estuarine Research Reserve and participated in a marsh saltwater testing project.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC.

The President declared a major disaster in Massachusetts and ordered Federal aid to supplement Commonwealth and local recovery efforts in the area struck by flooding beginning on April 1 and continuing.

#### ***April 23***

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Naples, FL, where, at the Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Nealedene Hoch. He then toured the reserve and participated in an invasive plant species removal project.

In the afternoon, at a private residence in Naples, the President attended a Victory 2004 luncheon.

Later in the afternoon, the President traveled to Coral Gables, FL.

In the evening, the President traveled to Camp David, MD.

The President declared a major disaster in Illinois and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and tornadoes on April 20 and continuing.

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### **Nominations Submitted to the Senate**

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The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

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#### ***Submitted April 19***

Thomas Fingar,  
of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Intelligence and Research), vice Carl W. Ford, Jr.

Susanne Hale,  
of Virginia, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Career Minister, to be Ambassador to the Federated States of Micronesia.

Constance Berry Newman,  
Assistant Secretary of State (African Affairs), to be a member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation for a term expiring September 27, 2009, vice Walter H. Kansteiner, resigned.

Anne W. Patterson,  
of Virginia, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Career Minister, to be the Deputy Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, and the Deputy Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations.

Anne W. Patterson,  
of Virginia, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Career Minister, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during her tenure of service as Deputy Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations.

#### ***Withdrawn April 19***

Walter H. Kansteiner,  
Assistant Secretary of State (African Affairs), to be a member of the Board of Directors

of the African Development Foundation for a term expiring September 27, 2003, vice George Edward Moose, term expired, which was sent to the Senate on January 9, 2003.

***Submitted April 20***

Virginia Maria Hernandez Covington, of Florida, to be U.S. District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, vice Ralph W. Nimmons, Jr., deceased.

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**Checklist  
of White House Press Releases**

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The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

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***Released April 19***

Fact sheet: President Bush Calls for Renewing the USA PATRIOT Act

***Released April 20***

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Statement by the Press Secretary: Progress in Liberia

***Released April 21***

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Statement by the Press Secretary: Cyprus Settlement

***Released April 22***

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Scott McClellan and White House Council on Environmental Quality Chairman Jim Connaughton

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed S. 2057

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Massachusetts

Fact sheet: President Announces Wetlands Initiative on Earth Day

***Released April 23***

Transcript of a press gaggle by Deputy Press Secretary Trent Duffy and White House Council on Environmental Quality Chairman Jim Connaughton

Statement by the Press Secretary: U.S. Eases Economic Embargo Against Libya

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Illinois

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**Acts Approved  
by the President**

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***Approved April 22***

S. 2057 / Public Law 108–220

To require the Secretary of Defense to reimburse members of the United States Armed Forces for certain transportation expenses incurred by the members in connection with leave under the Central Command Rest and Recuperation Leave Program before the program was expanded to include domestic travel